

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 GENEVA 07935 201429Z

44 41

ACTION H-03

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-07 /011 W
----- 050989

R 201350Z OCT 75
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6370

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 7935

FROM MEISSNER

PASS TO CHAIRMAN SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THROUGH PAT
HOLT, CHIEF OF STAFF

EO: 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP (MEISSNER, CHARLES)
SUBJ: NOVEMBER 15 ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN PARIS AND OTHER MATTERS

1. SUGGEST CHAIRMAN CONSIDER IDEA OF CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION AT PARIS ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION WITH SECSTATE U.S. POSITIONS PRIOR TO PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE. ALL INTERVIEWS TO DATE INDICATE THAT PARIS SUMMIT WILL NOT BE A NEGOTIATING SESSION BUT WILL CONFINE ACTIVITIES TO MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS CONCERNING COMMON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BETWEEN US, JAPAN, UK, FRANCE, GERMANY AND ITALY. WHILE AGENDA IS NOT SET, ISSUES MOST OFTEN DISCUSSED ARE THE STRUCTURE OF EXCHANGE RATES IN THE EVOLVING MONETARY SYSTEM, NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES CONCERNING REAL INCOME TRANSFERS, OECD ENERGY DEPENDENCE ON OPEC, COMMON POLICIES FOR OVERCOMING PRESENT RECESSION AND GROWING TRADE PROTECTIONIST PRACTICES AMONG OECD NATIONS. THE FIRST TWO AGENDA ISSUES TIE DIRECTLY TO THE FOUNDATION OF U.S. FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY IN THE POST BRETTON WOODS WORLD. THE LAST THREE ISSUES DEAL WITH CRITICAL DISTURBANCES IN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SYSTEM. ALL CONCERN THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. COORDINATION OF AGENDA ITEMS SEEM TO LIE WITH FORMER TREASURY SECRETARY GEORGE SHULTZ, AN UNUSUAL RELATIONSHIP GIVEN HE MAY WELL BE ALSO IN THE EMPLOY OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

2. FRENCH PLANNING ON THE SUMMIT HAS NOT PROCEEDED FAR DUE TO
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 GENEVA 07935 201429Z

THE ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ETAING IN MOSCOW. THE FRENCH

PRESIDENT IS CREDITED WITH THE IDEA OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT BUT WISHED TO CONFINE PARIS MEETING ONLY TO MONETARY MATTERS. PREVIOUSLY HE WAS QUITE SUCCESSFUL IN THE AZORES AND AT MARTINIQUE IN PURSUADING U.S. PRESIDENTS TO ACCEPT HIS POSITIONS ON MONETARY ISSUES. REPORTEDLY IT WAS AT U.S. INSISTENCE THAT THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING BE BROADENED. FRENCH SURFACED IDEA IN CONVERSATIONS AT HELSINKI. FEW PEOPLE HERE SEEM TO KNOW WHAT COMMITMENTS WERE MADE IN HELSINKI. INTEND TO DISCUSS THE SUMMIT WITH BOTH GERMAN AND BRITISH OFFICIALS AT APPROPRIATE INTERVIEWS.

3. HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE INADEQUACY OF REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS WITH AMBASSADOR KENNETH RUSH. STAFFDEL REQUESTED THAT AMBASSADOR SEND MATERIALS DIRECTLY TO THE COMMITTEE TO AID SENATORS PELL AND GRIFFIN IN THEIR REVIEW OF THIS MATTER. STAFFDEL EXPECTS TO MAKE SIMILAR SUGGESTION TO OTHER POSTS.

4. STAFFDEL WISHES TO REPORT THE SINCERE CONCERN OF FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OVER IMPENDING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD TAX THE ALLOWANCES SUBSIDIES FSO'S RECEIVE WHEN ASSIGNED TO OVERSEAS POSTS. RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT WISH TO REVIEW THIS MATTER IN REFERENCE TO THE IMPACT OF THE TYPE AND CALIBER OF INDIVIDUALS ATTRACTED TO AND SERVING IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE. IT IS BELIEVED BY MANY THAT ONLY THOSE FSO'S WITH INDEPENDENT INCOMES COULD SURVIVE EASILY. THE GREATEST DISCRIMINATORY EFFECTS EXPECTED TO HIT FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE.

5. TO PAT HOLT: PLEASE PASS COPIES TO RICHARD MOOSE AND SCOTT COHEN.ABRAMS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975GENEVA07935
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750363-0907
From: GENEVA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751038/aaaabhvh.tel
Line Count: 89
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION H
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 MAY 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <30 SEP 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NOVEMBER 15 ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN PARIS AND OTHER MATTERS
TAGS: OREP, (MEISSNER, CHARLES)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006